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### Soviet Tourists

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1. Soviet tourists in Satellite countries do not require documents other than passports, although entry visas are issued to group leaders for the entire group.
2. A group composed of 17 employees of the Soviet Ministry of Forestry recently visited Poland; each person paid 1,700 rubles for the trip and received 250 zlotys spending money upon their arrival in Poland.<sup>1</sup> At the border customs formalities were reportedly waived for the group, and its movements within Poland were restricted.<sup>2</sup> Although nominally there was a pre-arranged schedule of collective activity, individual members could leave the group for a few hours without attracting undue attention.

The Orbis Agency

3. The Orbis agency, whose official designation is Centralny Zarząd Przesiębiorstwo Usługowych, is a division of the Ministry of Railroads. The following are subordinate to Orbis:
- a. Eleven hotels in the large voivodship towns of Poland. They enjoy a large measure of administrative independence, particularly in budgetary matters; each hotel is expected to ensure its own means of revenue.
  - b. Four sanatoria and convalescent homes, located in Warsaw, Krynice, Zakopane, and Gdansk (Danzig). At these places three or four of the institutions form semi-independent units which maintain joint kitchens and a central management staff taking charge of all matters pertaining to general administration for the group. During the summer of 1955 Orbis catered to 7,000 - 8,000 guests vacationing for an average of two weeks and paying full charges in accordance with the establishment's category.

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- c. Four travel agencies, situated in Warsaw, Krakow, Wroclaw, (Breslau) which make all arrangements concerning travel abroad, such as sale of tickets, organized tours, agreements on tourist exchanges, etc.
- d. One booking office for Pullman and dining cars, located in Warsaw.
- e. One office for travel to and from foreign countries, also in Warsaw.
4. The staff of the Orbis Agency totals about 4,000, approximately one-third of whom are hired seasonally. The institution reportedly nets a profit.
5. The monthly salary of the Orbis director is reportedly 5,000 zlotys, while deputy directors earn an average of 3,500 zlotys a month.
6. The following personalities on the Orbis staff are known: 50X1-HUM
- a. Berman (fnu) [redacted] manager of the foreign travel agency in Warsaw. [redacted]
- b. Adam Brandel [redacted] deputy director for planning and organization. [redacted]
- c. Goraki (fnu) is the deputy director in charge of finance and accounting. 50X1-HUM
- d. Zygmund Jamuse [redacted] deputy director for foreign affairs. [redacted]
- e. Jozef Krakowski [redacted] director of the Orbis agency. [redacted]
1. [redacted] Comment: It is believed that Czechoslovakia similarly supplies spending money. [redacted]

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